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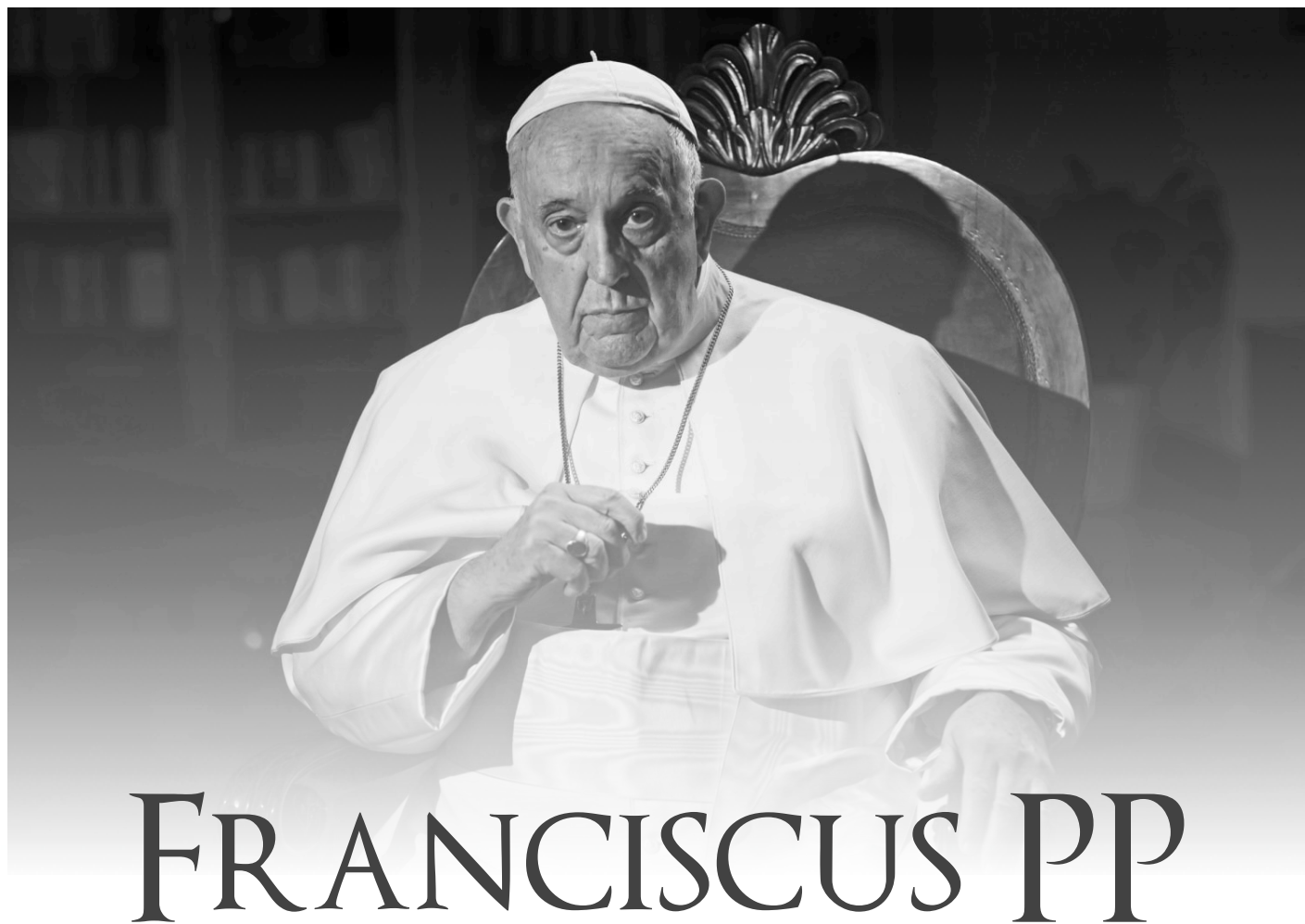
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Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat ei.*

*Fidelium animae,  
per misericordiam Dei,  
requiescant in pace.*

Amen.

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## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

N. Khoury, C. Takchi, M. Wehbe

### Flower Arranging

A. Brown and L. Manu

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 1: D. Portelli,  
L. Toman, W. Krasinski, J. Galea,  
A. Quinlan, N. Begley

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Wadzi Mushininga,  
Rosza Kamer, Raphaella Chidiac

**Children's Liturgy** Elmo Xavier and  
Shanthi Xavier

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann  
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,  
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,  
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese  
Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,  
Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan,  
Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don  
Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella,  
Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen  
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie  
Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Phyllis May Denmeade, Maria  
Dinh, Estrella Francisco, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria  
Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,  
Melissa Irons, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Salim Karaki, Chini Maya  
Kc, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe,  
Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia  
Malkoun, Jack McGrath, Aileen McIntyre, Roy McIntyre, Joseph  
Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell,  
Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw, Doris  
Pickering, Robert Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Saliba  
family, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone,  
Alex Taktak, John Timbs, John Vella, Peter Vu Van Vuong, Graham  
Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine  
Wehbe, Dennis Wilson, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Thank You for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

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With Lent concluded and with Holy Week and the Triduum now given way to Eastertide, we would like to thank all those who made these solemn celebrations and devotions possible.

Thank you to all those who assisted throughout Holy Week; from Palm Sunday to Tenebrae to Holy Thursday to Good Friday and then to the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Thank you to John Portelli, Brenda Drake, Filomena Molinaro, Louise Morched, Rachel Miu, Elvis Nguyen, Maryanne Takchi, Tochi Unegbu, Chloe Zaiter and to the Sisters for arranging and assisting with the music. The magnificence of the organ and the beautiful voices helped to lift our minds to almighty God and to engage with the depths of divine worship.

To Alvin, Anthony, Brandon, Elvis, Jeevan, Johnny, Joshua, Matthew, Paul, Patrick and Patrick who served at the altar. They showed not only their dedication for serving Our Lord but also their expertise and skill in ensuring that everything was arranged for each of the Masses and other devotions. They worked tirelessly throughout Lent and throughout Holy Week to serve Our Lord and to serve the Church, and they are a true blessing for the parish and an example of service.

To Joe Chidiac for preparing the *lucernarium*, the Easter vigil fire at both Holy Family Church and Holy Trinity Church. Thank you to him for his generous service.

To Spiro Portelli and Claudette Takchi for arranging for collectors at each of the Masses, to those who volunteered to collect and to all those who generously donated to these collections in support of the parish and other causes.

Thank you to all those who helped to clean and to prepare the churches for these celebrations.

For the stunning altars of repose for Holy Thursday in Holy Family Church and Mackillop Hall and for the magnificent decorations for the Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity Church and at Holy Family Church, we owe our thanks to John Portelli and Claudette Takchi—ably assisted by Rosette Chidiac, and Spiro Portelli and the Takchi family—for their incredible hard work, their creativity and their imagination for these arrangements so that they would be the most beautiful and most worthy places for the solemn commemorations of Our Lord. We truly have the most beautifully decorated churches in the diocese.

To Danny Azzi and others who generously donated to the flowers for the altar of repose and the sanctuary at Holy Family Church to make the beautiful arrangements possible.

To Joe Chidiac for driving the bus for the Good Friday “Cross Walk” and to Rosette Chidiac, Claudette Takchi, Joshua Zaiter and Richard Zaiter and all the marshals who assisted along the way, and to those who offered their homes as Stations of the Cross.

To those who read throughout the week at Tenebrae, at Stations of the Cross, and at the Masses—thank you for offering yourselves in service.

To Rosette Chidiac and Richard Zaiter for filming and photographing the many Masses, devotions and other liturgies so that we can have a pictorial record of these beautiful days.

Many people worked very hard and for many hours and for many days to make this past Holy Week and Triduum a worthy act of worship of Our Lord, and much of what people did also goes unseen but makes it all possible. To all those who assisted, thank you and God bless you for giving to the greater glory of God.

## Caritas “Project Compassion”

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Donations to Caritas “Project Compassion” can be made by scanning the QR code on the following page which will take you to their website where you can make a donation online.

Alternatively, envelopes are available by the doors of the churches if you would prefer to use these to make a donation.

For more information on Caritas and “Project Compassion”, visit their website at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

## Online Donations in Support of the Parish

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.





# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY *of* EASTER

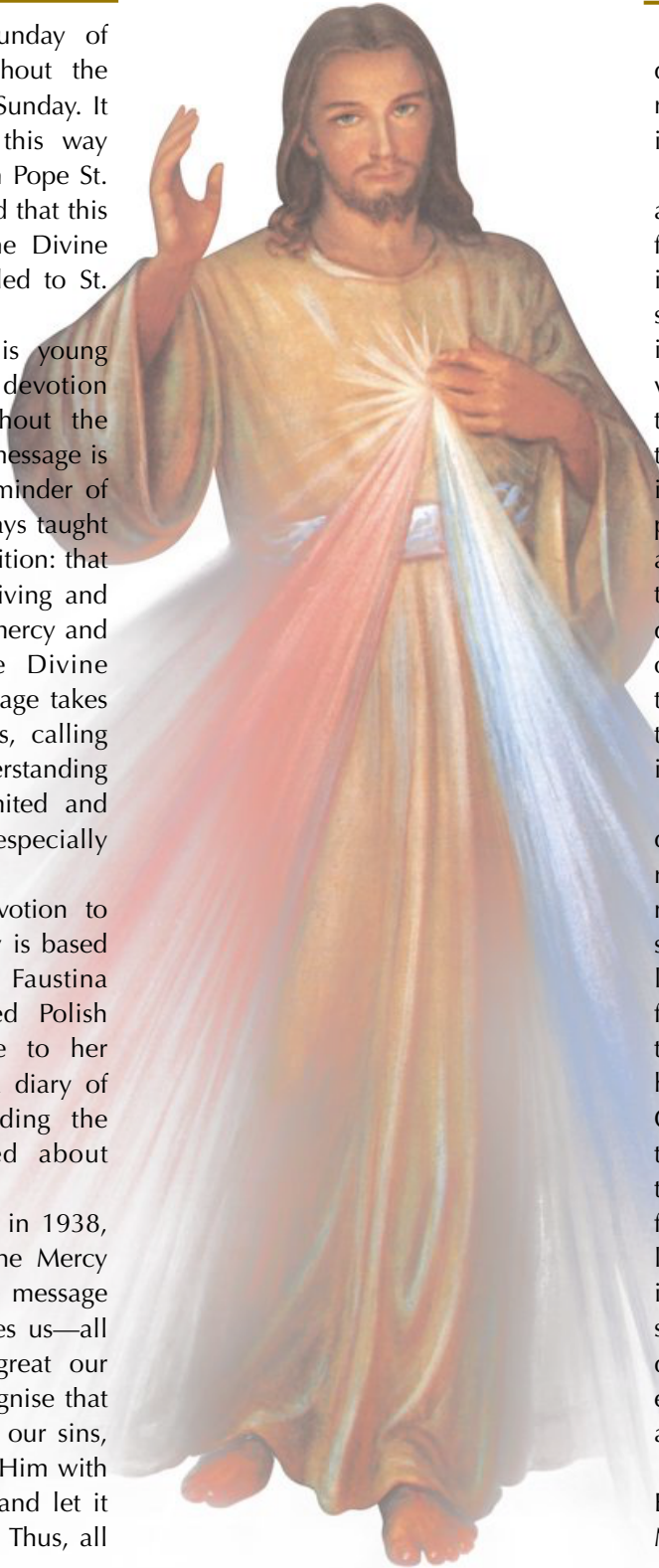
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Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is known throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. It has been celebrated in this way since the year 2000 when Pope St. John Paul II declared that this Sunday would honour the Divine Mercy of Christ as revealed to St. Mary Faustina Kowalska.

From the diary of this young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930's. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone—especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to the Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



The earliest element of the devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina was the image of Christ.

On February 22, 1931 Our Lord appeared to her with rays radiating from His heart and said, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory. I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image."

Jesus added: "The two rays denote blood and water. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonised heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of my Father. Happy is the one who dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of my mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

So on this second Sunday of Easter let us beseech the Divine Mercy of our risen Lord and Saviour and pray, "Jesus, I trust in you."

*"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.*

*On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open.*

*I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."*





## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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Our Father, Hail Mary  
and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades on each  
“Our Father” bead of the rosary, pray:

Eternal Father,  
I offer you the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of Your Dearly Beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.

For each of the five decades on each  
“Hail Mary” bead of the rosary, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### Concluding Prayer

Holy God,  
Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

*(Repeat 3 times)*

### Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless  
and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,  
look kindly upon us  
and increase Your mercy in us,  
that in difficult moments  
we might not despair  
nor become despondent,  
but with great confidence  
submit ourselves to Your holy will,  
which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

**Together  
we can keep  
the faith alive**



## **Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians**

In fact, we are the only international Catholic charity dedicated to this mission.



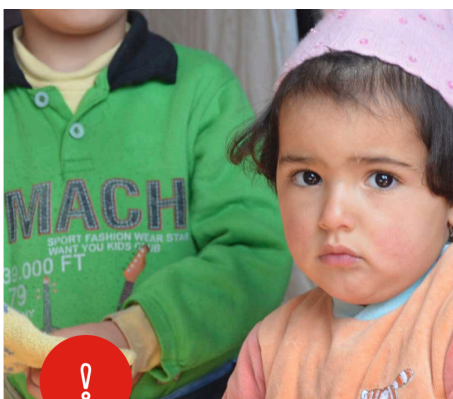
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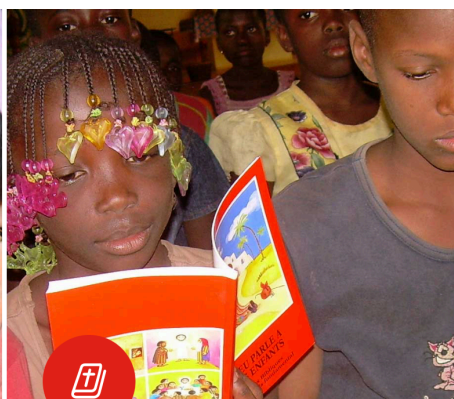
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“For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children” (Dt 4:7-9). It is from this passage from the Book of Deuteronomy and made popular by Rudyard Kipling’s poem “Recessional” that we have the epitaph “Lest we forget.”

The word “lest” means much more in the English language than “unless.” It is more a warning to us that we should not, must not forget. Just as the writer of the book of Deuteronomy warns that we must not let these things slip from our minds so we must honour the memory of those who have gone before and remember the sacrifices they made to which we are the heirs.

To honour the fallen is not to glorify war. It is, instead, an act of mercy and the fulfilment of our Christian duty to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died and to commend them to the peace of almighty God.

Lest we forget that freedom is not a given but something for which we must have the courage to defend against those who would take it from us. Only in freedom can the human spirit choose for or against. Only in freedom can we make a choice to love. It is freedom that God gave to us when He created us in His image and likeness—a freedom to choose to love Him, or to not.

Let us pray for all who have died in battle and let us not forget the freedom forsaken for our peace. May almighty God grant them eternal rest and may the passing peace on earth for which they fought be granted to them as eternal peace in heaven.

# ANZAC DAY

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REQUIEM ÆTERNAM DONA EIS, DOMINE,  
ET LUX PERPETUA LUCEAT EIS.  
REQUIESCANT IN PACE.

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



The Readings

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**Introit** (1 Pt. 2:2)

Like newborn infants,  
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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**First Reading**

**The Acts of the Apostles** (5:12-16)

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 117:2-, 22-27. R. v. 1)

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' R.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. R.

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. R.

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**Second Reading**

**The Book of the Apocalypse** (1:9-13, 17-19)

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see

who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Jn. 20:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of St. John** (20:19-31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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**Communio** (cf. Jn. 20:27)

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.